

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 13200 CLARKSDALE AVENUE,
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650
ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Chair Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay,
Michael Egan, Doug Prichard, Harold Hofmann and
Sam Olivito

Alternates Present: Cheri Kelley, Howard Chambers, and David Spence

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.**

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).**

There were no settlement proposals for this meeting.

4. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- a. Susan Eng, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-10892

No reportable action was taken.

- b. Holly Rudolph v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-03220

No reportable action was taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

6. Approval of the minutes of the August 14, 2013, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay, Michael Egan, Doug Prichard, Harold Hofmann and Sam Olivito

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7. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

No such matters were discussed.

8. Other Business.

None

9. Adjournment.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND
CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 14, 2013

Agenda Item No.: 5

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Curtis Morris, at 11:22 a.m. The meeting was held in the Sproul Room at the City of Norwalk Community Meeting Center, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Curtis Morris, Chair, San Dimas, Region III; Mark Alexander, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; Margaret Finlay, Duarte, Region I; Michael Egan, Norwalk, Region III; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Harold Hofmann, Lawndale, Region II; Sam Olivito, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; *Alternates:* Darrell George, Duarte, Region I; Cheri Kelley, Norwalk, Region III; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Roger H. Granbo, Assistant County Counsel; Ernie Romo, Risk Management, Chief Executive Office; Judy Gerhardt, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ronald Williams, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Deacon, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Michael Hays, Department of Public Works; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Jennifer Fullerton, Secretary.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board. No members of the public addressed the Board.

At 11:25 a.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

**3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- a. Estate of Christian Cobian v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC483709

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$650,000, and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department budget.

The vote of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.

- b. Mario Fennell v. Joseph Ament, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV1207023

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violation and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved settlement in this matter in the amount of \$100,000 as set forth in the Claim Board memorandum.

The vote of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.

- c. Khalil F. Muhammad v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC475659

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$135,000, and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a

warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department budget.

The vote of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.

4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- a. Noel Bender v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC440862
- b. Gordon Phillips v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC023209
- c. Holly Rudolph v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV1203220
- d. Potential Liability - Department of Justice Investigation of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Stations in Antelope Valley

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:52 a.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

5. Approval of the Minutes for June 12, 2013 meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

The Minutes for the meeting of June 12, 2013, were approved.

6. Items Not on the Posted Agenda, to be Referred to Staff or Placed on the Agenda for Action at a Further Meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board, or Matters Requiring Immediate Action Because of Emergency Situation or Where the Need to Take Immediate Action Came to the Attention of the Board Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda

One case presented:

- Susan Eng v. County of Los Angeles

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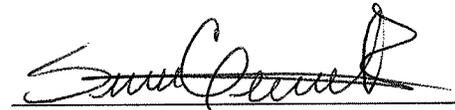
7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


SANDRA C. RUIZ